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Wednesday
December 31, 1952

Staff meeting.

George Perkins and I had lunch together at the F Street Club.

Afterwards, Ned Russell of the Herald-Tribune came to see me.

There was a weekly briefing on economic matters by Messrs. Linder, Schaetzel and Sohm.

Fred Oechsner called and told me of his activities as an inspector.

I discussed with Doug MacArthur his assignment to Paris. [redacted] most of us hate

[redacted] thinks [redacted] would be a mistake for him to go, and [redacted] if General Eisenhower or Mr. Dulles realized how useful he would be here the assignment might [redacted] be cancelled. It is a tricky matter to deal with, however, especially since Doug is a Foreign Service Officer and cannot express [redacted] reluctance to undertake these duties.

Ray Dickey came to see me to consult as to whether or not he would accept a position in the new Administration.

Audrey arrived from Baltimore this afternoon.

Tonight, E. and I went to a dinner for 40 or 50 people at Pauline Davis's given in our honor. We had a wonderful time there until about three o'clock in the morning.

Then went to Marie and Averell's, where a party was in full swing.

We finally got to bed about five o'clock.

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